

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 10, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 8-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 8-14 have been allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

Claims 15-20 are respectfully submitted for consideration in view of the following remarks.

The Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) because the drawings allegedly failed to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Office Action asserted that the apparatus of claim 15 is not shown in the drawings. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants submit that the drawings illustrate each feature of the claims. As discussed in the specification, Figures 3 and 6 illustrate block circuit representations of entities involved in carrying out the method, according to one embodiment of the invention, and the signaling between those entities. For example, Figure 3 separately illustrates a position estimation and information machine (for instance, a mobile location center such as a Gateway Mobile Location Center or Serving Mobile Location Center) and a network management or corresponding system entity denoted as NMS. (Specification, paragraph 0044).

In connection with Figure 3, the specification further provides that “a position estimation request to the position estimation and information machine can be initiated either by the mobile network (i.e. a control entity thereof), the network management system NMS, the application or the terminal (User Equipment UE). In response to such a request, the position estimation and location machine retrieves the position estimate of individual terminals. The position information is associated to services requested for and/or used by the terminals. Hence, as a result, information related to service requests issued by terminals attached to said network, positions of said requesting terminals, and establishment of the requested service for said terminals is acquired and stored in the network management system NMS.” (Specification, paragraph 0045). Figure 6 similarly illustrates apparatuses according to certain embodiments of the invention. At least Figures 3 and 6 illustrate the features of claim 15. Thus, Applicants submit that the existing figures show every feature of the claimed invention, including the apparatus of claim 15.

Claims 15-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. More specifically, the Office Action alleged that the apparatus of claims 15-20 was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors had possession of the claimed invention at the time the application was filed. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, Figures 3 and 6 of the present application illustrate the various apparatuses according to certain embodiments of the invention. Further, at least paragraphs 0044-0047 and paragraphs 0065-0066 of the specification discuss the functionality of these elements. Therefore, Applicants submit that the specification clearly describes the subject matter of claims 15-20 in a manner that reasonably conveys to a person of skill in the art that the inventors had possession of the invention at the time the application was filed.

The Office Action did not include any prior art rejections. Applicants submit that all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed and overcome, as discussed above. Applicants therefore respectfully request that all of claims 8-20 be allowed and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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